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In the application of: Khandros et al.

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For: Method And Apparatus For Shaping Spring Elements

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Sir:

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the following commonly owned applications and patents (and the art cited therein), whose subject matter may be deemed related to the subject matter of the above-identified application.

US pat. appl. serial no.: 09/753,296 (P16D1-US) filed December 29, 2000

US pat. no.: 6,442,831 (P16-US) issued September 3, 2002

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